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JURISDICTION

3. This Accusation is brought before the Board, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.

STATUTORY PROVISIONS

- 4. Section 118, subdivision (b), of the Business and Professions Code (Code) provides that the suspension, expiration, surrender or cancellation of a license shall not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary action during the period within which the license may be renewed, restored, reissued or reinstated.
- 5. Section 490 of the code provides that a board may suspend or revoke a license on the ground that the licensee has been convicted of a crime, if the crime is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the license was issued. A conviction within the meaning of this section means a plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere. Any action which a board is permitted to take following the establishment of a conviction may be taken when the time for appeal has elapsed, or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal, or when an order granting probation is made suspending the imposition of sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under the provisions of Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code.
- 6. Section 2875 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may discipline the holder of a vocational nurse license for any reason provided in Article 3 (commencing with section 2875) of the Vocational Nursing Practice Act.
 - 7. Section 2878 states:

"The Board may suspend or revoke a license issued under this chapter [the Vocational Nursing Practice Act (Bus. & Prof. Code, 2840, et seq.)] for any of the following:

- "(a) Unprofessional conduct, which includes, but is not limited to, the following:
- "(d) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violating of, or conspiring to violate any provision or term of this chapter.

"(f) Conviction of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a licensed vocational nurse, in which event the record of the conviction shall be conclusive evidence of the conviction.

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- "(j) The commission of any act involving dishonesty, when that action is related to the duties and functions of the license.
 - 8. Section 2878.6 states:

"A plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere made to a charge substantially related to the qualification, functions and duties of a licensed vocational nurse is deemed to be a conviction within the meaning of this article. The board may order the license suspended or revoked, or may decline to issue a license, when the time for appeal has elapsed, or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal or when an order granting probation is made suspending the imposition of sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under the provisions of Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code allowing such person to withdraw his plea of guilty and to enter a plea of not guilty, or setting aside the verdict of guilty, or dismissing the accusation, information or indictment."

REGULATORY PROVISIONS

9. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 2521, states:

"For the purposes of denial, suspension, or revocation of a license pursuant to Division 1.5 (commencing with Section 475) of the Business and Professions Code, a crime or act shall be considered to be substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a licensed vocational nurse if to a substantial degree it evidences present or potential unfitness of a licensed vocational nurse to perform the functions authorized by his license in a manner consistent with the public health, safety, or welfare. . ."

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10. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board/Registrar/Director may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Criminal Convictions)

- 11. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 2878 subdivisions (d) and (f), and section 2878.6, as a result of her convictions of crimes that are substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a vocational nurse. The circumstances are as follows:
 - a. On or about February 23, 2010, after pleading nolo contendere, Respondent was convicted of one felony count of violating Penal Code section 459 [the entering of a building with intent to commit grand or petit larceny] in the criminal proceeding entitled *The People of the State of California v. Stacey Jacobo* (Super. Ct. Los Angeles County, 2010, No. VA112482-013). Additionally, Respondent was convicted of one felony count of violating Penal Code section 530.5, subdivision (a), [the unlawful use of another person's identity to obtain goods and services] in the criminal proceeding entitled The People of the State of California v. Stacey Jacobo (Super. Ct. Los Angeles County, 2010, No. VA112482-013).

The circumstamces are that on or about May 18, 2009, Respondent entered Nordstrom's, with the intent to commit a larceny. On that day, Respondent unlawfully used false information and the personal identification of Rachel L. to purchase merchandise in the name of Rachel L.

b. On or about March 15, 2010, after pleading guilty, Respondent was convicted of three misdemeanor counts in the Superior Court of Orange County. The first count was for violating Penal Code section 459-460 subdivision (b) [the entering of a building with intent to commit grand or petit larceny in the second degree] in the criminal proceeding entitled *The People of the State of California v. Stacey Jacobo* (Super. Ct. Orange County, 2010, No. BPD09-4614). The second count was for one misdemeanor count of violating Penal Code section 530.5

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